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To: Human Services Committee

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Re: Regional Vision Development

This memo summarizes the discussion of goals that occurred at the May 14, 2007 meeting of the Human Services working committee and actions requested for the June and July meetings. During the meeting, the committee identified the main ideas within the existing goals that were central to their mission. Also, the committee discussed why it was important for the regional vision to address these main ideas.

Staff has prepared a draft list of the major themes that were mentioned several times during the discussion. The table below summarizes these themes and their relation to the initial goals:

Major Themes (mentioned many times)	Related Goals
Civic involvement	Cultural diversity, Equity in law enforcement, Health care, Public safety, Racial and ethnic diversity, Seniors, Youth
Economic competitiveness	Cultural diversity, Environmental justice, Equity in law enforcement, Health care, Racial and ethnic diversity, Social services, Workforce education
Equity	Environmental justice, Equity in law enforcement, Racial and ethnic diversity, Workforce education
Public health	Health care, Social services
Quality of life	Health care, Public safety, Seniors, Social services
Sustainability	Environmental justice, Health care, Youth
System interdependence	Cultural diversity, Environmental justice, Public safety, Racial and ethnic diversity
Other Important Themes (mentioned a few times)	Related Goals
Preparation for crises	Health care
Technological change	Workforce education

The major themes that are identified through the working committee process and the regional visioning event will form the basis for the regional vision. For example, if "civic involvement" is identified as a major theme, the vision will include a statement such as: "In 2040, the region will feature a high degree of civic involvement, with many residents who are actively involved

in civic life, including participation in government decision-making processes." (*Please note that this is an example, and the regional vision may not contain this particular statement.*)

Attached to this document is a summary of the discussion that occurred at the May 14 meeting. This attachment was used by staff as the basis for identifying the major themes listed above.

Action Requested

At the June meeting, the committee will be asked for initial feedback concerning whether there are any themes on this list that should not be there, or whether there are any critical themes that do not appear on this list. The committee will be asked to discuss all identified themes in detail at their July meeting to confirm that these are the committee's priorities going into the visioning event, and to determine if these can be combined or prioritized.

Attachment Summary of May 14, 2007 Human Services Committee Discussion

Goal	Main ideas	Reasons to address these ideas
	Communities respect / value	
Cultural diversity	diversity	Lack of respect is harmful
		Systems affected by diversity
		Global competitiveness
	All benefit - development /	Interdependence between economics,
Environmental justice	protection - interaction	environment, and human potential
		Sustainability
		All areas and persons benefit
		Global competitiveness
Equity in law	Systematically / systemic equal	Harmful effects of inequity to at-risk
enforcement	results	populations
		Consistency = credibility and trust
		Global competitiveness and talent
		Sustainability - active system and
Health care	Access, responsibility, balance	involvement of residents in system
	-	Public health has economic benefit, and
		lack of public health creates economic
		loss
		Quality of life
		Talent attractor (global and national)
		Preparation for crises
		Health = quality workforce, civic
		participation
	Safe communities through	
Public safety	neighborhood involvement	Eyes on the street
		Quality of life declines with crime and
		drug use
		Balance - active involvement of residents
		Best treatment for health care and human
		services
Racial and ethnic	Inclusive communities with	
diversity	resource equity	Diversity is an asset
		Lack of respect is harmful
		Systems affected by diversity
		Global competitiveness
		Plan should address weaknesses of
		region including segregation
	Recognize and engage seniors'	
Seniors	assets	Quality of life, mobility
		Continue contributions of seniors to
		community
		Maintain assets
		Growing population, longer lives,

		returning to home areas
		Land use implications
		Aging in place
		They vote - impacts policy
	Affordability, accessibility, persons	
Social services	in need	Quality of life
		Productivity - impact on economics and
		transportation
		Training implications
		"Insurance" for business investments
	Education, diversify, labor	
Workforce education	population	Business attraction and economic base
		Diverse participation in labor
		Equity
		Diverse labor skills
		Address technological change
		Workforce readiness through education
		for existing jobs
	Opportunities, participation, all	
Youth	backgrounds, expand	Community sustainability
		Civic-mindedness
		Implementers of plan and future
		constituency